(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is no concrete proposal at present under consideration, for Indo-Russian Joint Ventures for armament manufacture.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Cases pertaining to Danapur Cantonment**

2600. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many court cases in the Supreme Court, High Court Patna, Patna District Court and local Courts at Dallapur are pending pertaining to assessment cases, unauthorised construction and encroachments within Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar);

(b) if so, what is the break-up figure of court cases in the above courts since last six years and total expenditure involved (year-wise);

(c) what is the number of court cases in favour of and against Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar) and number pending in such courts (year-wise); and

(d) whether Government propose to take measures to minimise expenditure over court cases?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) 68 court cases in respect of unauthorised construction have been filed by the Cantonmnt Board in the Sub-Divisional Court, Danapur. In addition, in 2 cases, the Cantonment Board has filed appeals against the orders of the District Court, Patna.

In 3 cases, orders of assessment of the Cantonment Board have been appealed against in the District Court, Patna, and in one case the Cantonment Board has appealed against the order of the District Court, Patna. As regards encroachments, one case has been filed by the Cantonment Board in the Sub-Divisional Court, Danapur.

There is no case pending in the Supreme Court.

The year-wise break-up of cases in various Courts for the last six years is under compilation and will be laid on the Table of the House.

The year-wise expenditure on Court cases incurred by the Danapur Cantonment Board during the last 6 years is as follows:—

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1986-87 . | Rs. 6,063/- |
| 1987-88 . | Rs. 30,562/- |
| 1988-89 . | Rs. 34,223/- |
| 1989-90 . | Rs. 31,193/- |
| 1990-91 . | Rs. 12,708/- |
| 1991-92 . | Rs. 12,901/- |
| Total | Rs. 1,27,650/- |

Most of the Court cases filed by the Government pertains to recovery of Government dues and in defence of title of Government properties lands and are thus, generally, not susceptible to reduction.

**Action against Unauthorised Construction in Danapur Cantonment**

2601. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Officer, Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar) issued notice for unauthorised constructions in some cases, and in the case of ward No. 7 which is B class Cantonment land within the campus of Executive Officer's Banglow notices were withdrawn and in some cases order to impose Sec. 144 of IPC were issued and such orders were subsequently withdrawn;

(b) if so, what was the reason to issue notices and order to impose Sec. 144 of IPC as also the reasons for their withdraw; and

(c) whether Government propose to order high level enquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Cantonment Executive Officer's residence is part of Holding No. 68, Mahal I, Ward No. 5, Danapur Cantonment. It has been reported that certain portions of this site have been unauthorisedly purchased and constructions made on the vacant land. The Cantonment Executive Officer, Danapur, had issued a notice to one such occupant and had also requested the Police to invoke Section 144 of the Indian Penal Code in the area. As this notice as well as request for Police intervention were subsequently withdrawn by the Cantonment Executive Officer, an enquiry into this matter by Director, Defence Estates, Central Command has been ordered.

**Pdoduction Capacity of Defence Industries**

2602. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drwn to an article entitled "Spare Time—Idle capacity plagues the Defence Industry", which appeared in "Sunday" of 5th and 11th July, 1992 issue according to which the situation in scores of Defence production Units is desperate;

(b) whether it is a fact that the H.A.L. is not producing a single fighter aircraft at present;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of ordnance factories have either stopped production or are operating at a fraction of their instal. led capacity;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Bharat Dynamics Limited may be forced to shut down due to lack of fresh orders for missiles from the Army; and

(e) if so, what immediate steps Government propose to take so that the defence industries do not turn into sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) None of the Ordnance Factories has stopped production. However, some of the Ordnance Factories are facing problems arising out of reduction of work load.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Steps, such as, diversification of manufacture for civil sector and exports have been taken with a view to optimally utiilse the infrastructural facilities.